

on stainless steel flanges from China.<sup>1</sup> On May 1, 2023, Commerce published the notice of initiation of the first sunset review of the *Order*, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).<sup>2</sup> On May 15 and 16, 2023, Commerce received timely filed notices of intent to participate from Core Pipe Products, Inc. (Core Pipe) and Kerkau Manufacturing (Kerkau) within the deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(i).<sup>3</sup> Core Pipe and Kerkau claimed interested party status under section 771(9)(C) of the Act, as manufacturers of the domestic like product in the United States.

Commerce received adequate substantive responses to the notice of initiation from Core Pipe and Kerkau within the 30-day deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(3)(i).<sup>4</sup> We received no substantive responses from any respondent interested parties, including the Government of China, nor was a hearing requested. On June 20, 2023, Commerce notified the U.S. International Trade Commission that it did not receive an adequate substantive response from respondent interested parties.<sup>5</sup> As a result, pursuant to 751(c)(3)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(B)(2) and (C)(2), Commerce conducted an expedited (120-day) sunset review of the *Order*.

### Scope of the Order

The products covered by the *Order* are stainless steel flanges. For a complete description of the scope of the *Order*, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.<sup>6</sup>

### Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in this sunset review are addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum.<sup>7</sup> A list of topics discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum is included as an appendix to this notice. The Issues and Decision Memorandum is a public

<sup>1</sup> See *Stainless Steel Flanges from the People's Republic of China: Countervailing Duty Order*, 83 FR 26006 (June 5, 2018) (*Order*).

<sup>2</sup> See *Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Reviews*, 88 FR 26522 (May 1, 2023).

<sup>3</sup> See Core Pipe's Letter, "Core Pipe—Notice of Intent to Participate," dated May 15, 2023; and Kerkau's Letter, "Notice of Intent to Participate by Kerkau Manufacturing," dated May 16, 2023.

<sup>4</sup> See Core Pipe's Letter, "Substantive Response," dated May 31, 2023; and Kerkau's Letter, "Substantive Response of Kerkau Manufacturing," dated May 31, 2023.

<sup>5</sup> See Commerce's Letter, "Sunset Reviews Initiated on May 1, 2023," dated June 20, 2023.

<sup>6</sup> See Memorandum, "Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Results of the Expedited First Sunset Review of the Countervailing Duty Order on Stainless Steel Flanges from the People's Republic of China," dated concurrently with this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

<sup>7</sup> *Id.*

document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Services System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

### Final Results of Sunset Review

Pursuant to sections 751(c)(1) and 752(b) of the Act, Commerce determines that revocation of the *Order* would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of countervailable subsidies at the rates below:

| Producers/exporters                                     | Net subsidy rate (percent) |
|---|----------------------------|
| Bothwell (Jiangyan) Steel Fittings Co., Ltd. ....       | 174.73                     |
| Hydro-Fluids Controls Limited .....                     | 174.73                     |
| Jiangyin Shengda Brite Line Kasugai Flange Co., Ltd ... | 174.73                     |
| Qingdao I-Flow Co., Ltd .....                           | 174.73                     |
| All Others .....  | 174.73                     |

### Administrative Protective Order (APO)

This notice serves as the only reminder to parties subject to an APO of their responsibility concerning the destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305. Timely written notification of the return or destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

### Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing these final results in accordance with sections 751(c), 752(b), and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218.

Dated: August 28, 2023.

**Lisa W. Wang,**

*Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

### Appendix

#### List of Topics Discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum

- I. Summary
- II. Background
- III. Scope of the *Order*
- IV. History of the *Order*
- V. Legal Framework
- VI. Discussion of the Issues
  1. Likelihood of Continuation or Recurrence of Countervailable Subsidies
  2. Net Countervailable Subsidy Rates That Are Likely To Prevail
  3. Nature of the Subsidies

VII. Final Results of Sunset Review

VIII. Recommendation

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A–570–905]

#### Certain Polyester Staple Fiber From the People's Republic of China: Continuation of Antidumping Duty Order

**AGENCY:** Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**SUMMARY:** As a result of the determinations by the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) and the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) that revocation of the antidumping duty (AD) order on certain polyester staple fiber (PSF) from the People's Republic of China (China) would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of dumping and material injury to an industry in the United States, Commerce is publishing a notice of continuation of the AD order.

**DATES:** Applicable August 29, 2023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Emily Halle, AD/CVD Operations, Office V, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–0176.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

On June 1, 2007, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** the AD order on PSF from China.<sup>1</sup> On March 1, 2023, the ITC instituted,<sup>2</sup> and Commerce initiated,<sup>3</sup> the third sunset review of the *Order*, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). As a result of its review, Commerce determined that revocation of the *Order* would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping, and, therefore, notified the ITC of the magnitude of the margins of dumping likely to prevail should the *Order* be revoked.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See *Notice of Antidumping Duty Order: Certain Polyester Staple Fiber from the People's Republic of China*, 72 FR 30545 (June 1, 2007) (*Order*).

<sup>2</sup> See *Certain Polyester Staple Fiber from China: Institution of a Five-Year Review*, 88 FR 12987 (March 1, 2023).

<sup>3</sup> See *Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Reviews*, 88 FR 12915 (March 1, 2023).

<sup>4</sup> See *Certain Polyester Staple Fiber from the People's Republic of China: Final Results of the Expedited Third Sunset Review of the Antidumping Duty Order*, 88 FR 37851 (June 9, 2023).

On August 29, 2023, the ITC published its determination, pursuant to sections 751(c) and 752(a) of the Act, that revocation of the *Order* would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time.<sup>5</sup>

### Scope of the Order

The product covered by the *Order* is synthetic staple fibers, not carded, combed or otherwise processed for spinning, of polyesters measuring 3.3 decitex (3 denier, inclusive) or more in diameter. This merchandise is cut to lengths varying from one inch (25 mm) to five inches (127 mm). The subject merchandise may be coated, usually with a silicon or other finish, or not coated. PSF is generally used as stuffing in sleeping bags, mattresses, ski jackets, comforters, cushions, pillows, and furniture.

The following products are excluded from the scope: (1) PSF of less than 3.3 decitex (less than 3 denier) currently classifiable in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) at subheading 5503.20.0025 and known to the industry as PSF for spinning and generally used in woven and knit applications to produce textile and apparel products; (2) PSF of 10 to 18 denier that are cut to lengths of 6 to 8 inches and that are generally used in the manufacture of carpeting; and (3) low-melt PSF defined as a bi-component fiber with an outer, non-polyester sheath that melts at a significantly lower temperature than its inner polyester core (classified at HTSUS 5503.20.0015).

Certain PSF is classifiable under the HTSUS subheadings 5503.20.0045 and 5503.20.0065. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise under the *Order* is dispositive.

### Continuation of the Order

As a result of the determinations by Commerce and the ITC that revocation of the *Order* would likely lead to a continuation or a recurrence of dumping and material injury to an industry in the United States, pursuant to section 751(d)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(a), Commerce hereby orders the continuation of the *Order*. U.S. Customs and Border Protection will continue to collect AD cash deposits at the rates in effect at the time of entry for all imports of subject merchandise.

<sup>5</sup> See *Certain Polyester Staple Fiber from China*, 88 FR 59538 (August 29, 2023).

The effective date of the continuation of the *Order* will be August 29, 2023. Pursuant to section 751(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(c)(2), Commerce intends to initiate the next five-year review of the *Order* not later than 30 days prior to the fifth anniversary of the date of the last determination by the Commission.

### Administrative Protective Order

This notice also serves as the only reminder to parties subject to an administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the return, destruction, or conversion to judicial protective order of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely written notification of the return or destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply is a violation of the APO which may be subject to sanctions.

### Notification to Interested Parties

This five-year sunset review and this notice are in accordance with sections 751(c) and 751(d)(2) of the Act and published in accordance with section 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(f)(4).

Dated: August 29, 2023.

**Lisa W. Wang,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A–533–877, A–570–064]

### Stainless Steel Flanges From India and the People's Republic of China: Final Results of the Expedited First Sunset Reviews of the Antidumping Duty Orders

**AGENCY:** Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**SUMMARY:** As a result of these expedited sunset reviews, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) finds that revocation of the antidumping duty (AD) orders on stainless steel flanges from India and the People's Republic of China (China) would be likely to lead to the continuation or recurrence of dumping at the levels indicated in the "Final Results of Sunset Reviews" section of this notice.

**DATES:** Applicable September 5, 2023.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

On August 1, 2018, and on October 9, 2018, Commerce published in the *Federal Register* the AD orders on stainless steel flanges from China and India, respectively.<sup>1</sup> On May 1, 2023, Commerce published the notice of initiation of the first sunset reviews of the *Orders*, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).<sup>2</sup>

On May 15 and 16, 2023, Commerce received notices of intent to participate in these reviews from Core Pipe Products, Inc. (Core Pipe) and Kerkau Manufacturing (Kerkau) within the deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(i).<sup>3</sup> Core Pipe and Kerkau claimed interested party status under section 771(9)(C) of the Act as producers of the domestic like product in the United States. On May 31, 2023, Commerce received adequate substantive responses from Core Pipe and Kerkau.<sup>4</sup> We received no substantive responses from respondent interested parties.

On June 20, 2023, Commerce notified the U.S. International Trade Commission that it did not receive substantive responses from any

<sup>1</sup> See *Stainless Steel Flanges from the People's Republic of China: Antidumping Duty Order*, 83 FR 37468 (August 1, 2018); and *Stainless Steel Flanges from India: Antidumping Duty Order*, 83 FR 50639 (October 9, 2018) (collectively, *Orders*).

<sup>2</sup> See *Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Reviews*, 88 FR 26522 (May 1, 2023).

<sup>3</sup> See Core Pipe's Letters, "Stainless Steel Flanges from India—Notice of Intent To Participate," dated May 15, 2023; and "Stainless Steel Flanges from the People's Republic of China—Notice of Intent To Participate," dated May 15, 2023; and Kerkau's Letters, "Stainless Steel Flanges from India: Notice of Intent to Participate by Kerkau Manufacturing," dated May 16, 2023; and "Stainless Steel Flanges from China: Notice of Intent to Participate by Kerkau Manufacturing," dated May 16, 2023.

<sup>4</sup> See Core Pipe's Letters, "Stainless Steel Flanges from India—Domestic Interested Party's Substantive Response to Notice of Initiation," dated May 31, 2023 (Core Pipe Substantive Response—India); and "Stainless Steel Flanges from the People's Republic of China—Domestic Interested Party's Substantive Response to Notice of Initiation," dated May 31, 2023 (Core Pipe Substantive Response—China); and Kerkau's Letters, "Stainless Steel Flanges from India: Substantive Response of Kerkau Manufacturing," dated May 31, 2023; and "Stainless Steel Flanges from China: Substantive Response of Kerkau Manufacturing," dated May 31, 2023.